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**NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE OATH OR DECLARATION**

This application fails to contain an oath or declaration acceptable under 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4) for entry into the national stage in the United States of America. The period within which to correct these requirements and avoid abandonment is set in the accompanying Office action.

A new oath or declaration, identifying this application by the international application number and international filing date is required. The oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:

1.  is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.(The declaration has not been executed.)
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